

Applicant : Scott Montgomery
Appl. No. : 09/990,341
Examiner : Edward R. Cosimano
Docket No. : 703602.2

Amendments to the Drawings

This application was filed with informal drawings. We are herewith enclosing a complete set of Formal Drawings correcting Figures 1, 4, 15 and 18 as noted below to address the examiner's objections.

A replacement sheet for Fig. 1 has been submitted that changes the reference from "10.4" to --104-- to address the examiner's objections in paras. 2.A)(1) and 2.A)(2)(a).

A replacement sheet for Fig. 2 has been submitted with reference number --405-- added to refer to the Display and reference number "414" has been changed to --415-- to address examiner's objections in paras. 2.A)(2)(b), 2.A)(3)(a), and 2.A)(3)(b).

A replacement sheet for Fig. 15 has been submitted with reference number "306" changed to --366-- to address examiner's objections to para. 2.A)(5)

A replacement sheet for Fig. 18 has been submitted with reference number --490-- added to "Meter Information Database", and reference no.-- 891 -- added to "Postage Database".

Attachment: Complete set of Formal Drawing with replacement sheets as noted.

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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-64 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 14, 27, 39, 46, 53, and 60 are independent. Claims 14-26, 39-45, and 60-64 have been rejected under 35 USC Sect. 112 P 2. Claims 14, 39, and 60 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Claim 26 has been amended to correct a grammatical error. No new subject matter has been added. The applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 1-13, 27-38, and 46-59 have been allowed.

Claims 14, 39, 60 and the corresponding dependent claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sect. 112 P 2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the examiner asserts that the rejected claims recite elements that do not accomplish the intended purpose of the invention. The applicants submit that claims 14, 39, and 60, as amended, address the examiner's rejections. Accordingly, claims 14, 39, and 60 and their corresponding dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

Miscellaneous

Per the examiner's request in para. 7.A), enclosed please find an Information Disclosure Statement enclosing the articles the Examiner requested.

In the specification:

Para. [0089] has been amended to change reference number "414" to --415-- to address examiner's objections in 2.A)(3)(a).

Para. [0101] has been amended to change reference number "427" to --426-- and number "435" to --434-- to address examiner's objections in 2.A)(2)(c), 2.A)(4)(a), and 3.A)(1)(a).

Para. [0157] has been amended to change reference number "1014" to --1012-- and number "1016" to --1014-- to address examiner's objections in 3.B)(1).

Para. [0158] has been amended to change reference number "1018" to --1016-- and number "1020" to --1018-- to address examiner's objections in 3.B)(1).

Para. [0159] has been amended to change reference number "1022" to --1020-- to address examiner's objections in 3.B)(1).

Para. [0160] has been amended to change reference numbers "1012, 1014, 1020, and

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1022" to --1014, 1016, 1018, and 1020-- respectively to address examiner's objections in 3.B)(1).

Para. [0165] has been amended to change reference number "414" to --1314-- to address examiner's objections in 2.A)(3)(c).

Para. [0173] has been amended to change "much" to --must-- to address examiner's objections in 3.B)(2).

Paras. [0179], [0180], and [0184] has been amended to change reference number "890" to --390--, number "896" to --396--, and number "886" to --386-- to address examiner's objections in 2.A)(2)(d), 3.B)(3)(a), 3.B)(3)(b), and 3.B)(3)(c).

Paras. [0189] has been amended to address the examiner's objection in 3.B)(4). Specifically, the text "delivery statuses for the" and "indicates that a mail piece has been delivered" have been deleted and the text --have been previously refunded-- has been added.

With respect to para. 2.A)(4)(b), the examiner objects to the specification because reference legend 203 of Fig. 16 is not mentioned in the specification; however, if the examiner notes para. [0139], the examiner should find a reference to indexing identifier 203 of Fig. 16. Likewise, with respect to the examiner's rejection in 3.A)(1)(b), th examiner should find a reference number 203 in Fig. 16, which refers to the indexing identifier 203 described in para. [0139].

With respect to para. 2.A)(4)(c), the examiner objects to the specification because reference legend 1202 of Fig. 31 is not mentioned in the specification; however, if the examiner notes para. [0185], the examiner should find a reference to step 1202 of Fig. 31. Likewise, with respect to the examiner's rejection in 3.A)(1)(c), the examiner should find a reference number 1202 in Fig. 31, which refers to step 1202 described in para. [0185].

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Conclusion

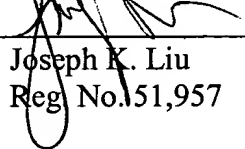
Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned can be reached at (949) 567-6700.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 15-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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